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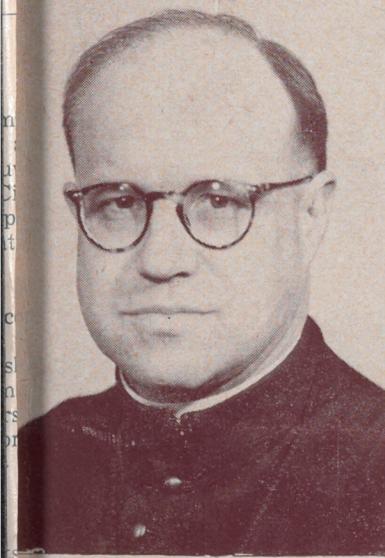
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## NEW INDIAN ACT DISCUSSED IN



MR. FRANK CALDER, M.L.A., sits in the British Columbia Legislative Assembly (shown above). He is the first Canadian native to assume such an important and responsible post. We hope some day natives will be elected in the House of Commons in Ottawa; higher education for the Indians will eventually fulfill the aspirations of many leaders to have representation in Canada's Parliament.

## APPOINTED PROVINCIAL



Rev. Paul Piché, O.M.I., formerly principal of Lebret's Indian Residential School, in Sask., was appointed Provincial of the Oblate Fathers in Manitoba, on April 24.

Father Piché was professor at Lebret Scholasticate from 1936 to 1941, Superior of the Oblate Juniorate in St. Boniface from 1941 to 1943 at which time he was named as principal of the Lebret school. He replaces Father Ph. Scheffer, O.M.I. who is appointed official Visitor to Canada's Eastern Oblate Province which comprises James Bay, Labrador and Chile (South America).

## No Longer Stranded In Big City

VICTORIA.—The system which sometimes leaves up-country prisoners stranded in Vancouver after they have served terms at Oakalla is apparently to be wiped out by the provincial government.

Attorney-General Gordon Wismer disclosed the government has put an item of \$4000 in the 1951-52 estimates for return transportation of prisoners.

The new vote is expected to remove a source of long standing complaint in Vancouver.

Much credit is due to Commissioner Arneill, the Vancouver Daily Province, Vancouver Sun and the News-Herald, and last but not least, to the beloved man, Father Carlyle, for putting up a strong fight for our stranded people and getting the provincial government to pay their fare home from Oakalla prison farm. I might add that most

of the natives went there for drinking, or possession of liquor... few, if any, for crime worse than drinking or shooting a moose.—(The Publisher, Native Voice.)

## LEBRET PUPIL WINS

Radio station CKCK announced four \$100.00 junior dramatic scholarships made each year to school children throughout Saskatchewan. The awards known as the "best individual performance scholarship" are for use at any accredited drama school. On the recommendation of the school drama advisory committee which met during the recent Saskatchewan Trustee's association convention, the 1951 awards first scholarship was granted to Miss Grace Lavallee, 18 years, Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School, Lebret, Sask., for her portrayal of Martha Cooper in "Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers." The scholarship entitles the winner to a course in drama at Banff or Saskatoon. Sixty contestants had made their application for the scholarships.

## NEW LOCATION

Visitors to Ottawa will find all Divisions of the Indian Affairs Branch in the same building. The Branch now occupies the upper three floors of the Copeland Building at the corner of Albert and Kent Streets, one block west of Bank Street. The Education Division is accommodated on the east side of the fourth floor.

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## MITTEE

OTTAWA, April 25 — The Special Committee appointed to study the new Indian Act (Bill 79) has given special attention to the contentious points in the new legislation. Its task is now ended. The main topics which did not win unanimous approval of the Indian conference (March 1-3) are the enfranchisement of natives, the sale of alcoholic liquors and the principle of majorities on Band Councils.

The Members of the special Committee were headed by Hon. W. Harris, Minister of Citizenship, who has won the full confidence of the Committee members through his profound knowledge of the new Bill as well as that of existing conditions across Canada's reservations.

### School Question Settled

On April 24, the articles concerning the principles and the administrative practices concerning day and residential schools were adopted unanimously, after a brief discussion and without any changes in the wording of the Bill.

The principle of denominational education is maintained (Bill 79, S. 113 (b) "in accordance with this Act" — S. 117, which corresponds to S. 10 (2) of the old Indian Act, — Sec. 121: minority rights.

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## DRAMA AWARD



Miss Grace Lavallee, grade XI pupil, at Lebret, Sask.

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## A STAUNCH DEFENDER

The death of Father J. O. Plourde, O.M.I., Superintendent of the Oblate Welfare and Training Commission for Indians since 1936, ended a noble career at the service of the Church, in a specialized field, that of the Indian missions.

Even before his official appointment to the post of Superintendent, Father Plourde had begun his task of representative of the Church to the Government of Canada in matters pertaining to the health, education and welfare of the Indians and Eskimos of Canada. He spent the last fifteen years of his life devoting himself fully to this task.

He has been the staunch defender of the rights of Catholic Indians to Catholic schools and to hospitalization in Catholic institutions. Father Plourde's Superiors appointed him to office at a time when, in Ottawa, the tendency and administrative policy were towards neutral education and hospitalization. He fought this trend unceasingly, like a faithful guardian.

Always polite, a refined gentleman, he fought with extraordinary tenacity for the cause of Catholic education and for the right of Indians to choose a hospital of their choice. Having informed the Canadian Hierarchy of Ottawa's policy in these matters, he obtained from them the reiterated affirmation of the rights of Catholics, and thus paving the way for Bill 79 which guarantees the principle of de-

nominational education. In matters of hospitalization he has obtained from the Hon. Minister of Health and Welfare the acknowledgment of the principle of freedom of choice in hospitalization.

Under Father Plourde's administration, the building of several new Indian residential schools was obtained from the Government, tuition and board grant increases were obtained periodically and numerous improvements were made in already existing institutions.

Father Plourde never spared his time nor his health visiting the remotest missions in order to study their actual needs and to take whatever action necessary in order to develop the educational program for Indians. His last lengthy trip was made last summer to Chesterfield Inlet where he laid the foundation for the first Boarding School for the Eskimos living on the west coast of Hudson's Bay.

His demise will leave a great void, yet his memory will long be cherished by the hundreds of missionary priests, brothers, sisters and native pupils across Canada who have known and loved him. R.I.P.

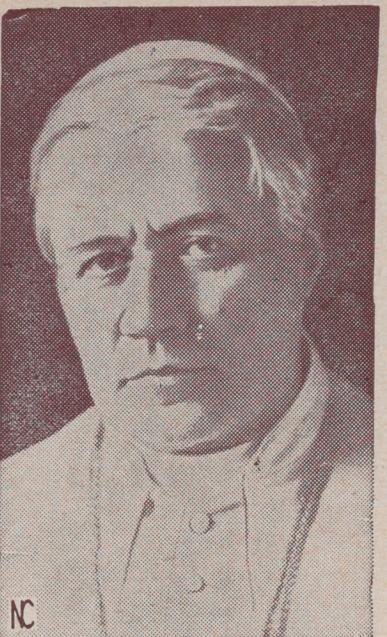
## TRIBUTE PAID TO MISSIONARIES

In Hansard, April 2, 1951, we read the following excerpt from a speech made by W. G. Murray, M.P. for Cariboo (B.C.), on the occasion of the second reading of Bill 79. Mr. Murray is to be congratulated for his public testimony and endorsement of the work done by Canadian missionaries.

G. M. Murray

As I say, they are emerging and have emerged in one or two generations from a condition of primitive people. To whom should the credit be given for

lifting them up? I am speaking of my own part of the country. The credit must very largely be given to ministers of religion who worked so diligently with these people on the Mackenzie



POPE PIUS X, PATRON OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, WHOSE BEATIFICATION DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR JUNE 3. HE DIED ON AUGUST 20, 1914, BROKENHEARTED OVER THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I, WHICH HE HAD TRIED SO HARD TO PREVENT.

river, on the Peace river and on the Fraser river, to open up hospitals, schools and missions and to guide and help those people to the position in which they are today. As I have said, they are emerging very rapidly to a place of equality with the rest of the Canadian people. I regret I have heard in the house disparaging remarks regarding the part religion has played in the affairs of the Indians. I say the Christian missionaries who went into that country rendered a great service to Canada and the world.

When I make that statement, I am not limiting it to any one denomination. I think of the work of the Anglican church on the south Fraser river. I think of their opening schools such as the one at Lytton where several hundred Indians are in residence. I think of men like the late Rev. Archdeacon E. W. W. Pugh who came from Cambridge as a medical missionary, and who practically gave his life for the service of those people.

That was in the lower part of the Cariboo. Then, in the north the work was taken over by the Oblate missionaries. The history of the service given by the Oblate Fathers to the Indian tribes is one of the most inspiring in the history of our country. It is going on today, and it has been going on for more than eighty years. Those missionaries are giving their lives in the conducting of schools and hospitals, and in the giving of other services to Indians. All this is being done without hope of reward, save the possibility of a crown

## School Policy Endorsed

**Letter to the Editor**  
**Elphinstone, Man.**

I am the happy mother of five children attending Sandy Bay Residential school. I visited my children there recently and noted that they really were well taken care of in every way; education, training, sports, religious teaching.

I felt that the staff trained the children not through fear but through love and kindness and that their attitude was dictated not only by the desire to keep a job but by the wish to do the duty.

The children sing well after they do not fear to profess their Christianity. On Easter Sunday there were 335 people at Mass and hundreds received Holy Communion.

I noticed that all the class rooms have been remodelled and that they are very attractive; the school curriculum is strictly followed and teaching methods are up to date.

A new manual training center has been opened for the boys. I visited it with Fr. Principod and there I met Fr. Tetrault and Bro. Lacasse who are quite devoted to the boys' progress in the various trades. The boys are proud of their hockey record; they have lost only two games out of nineteen.

I wish to express my thanks through the I.M.R., to the school principal, to Mrs. Courchaine, senior class teacher, to Mr. C. Kubb and to Mrs. Jos. Pascan Roulette; Mrs. Roulette is an ex-pupil and she is from Elphinstone. Her new home is loveless.

I wish that all the good work done at that school may bring fruit in the future. It is up to parents to continue the training begun in the schools and appreciate the devotedness of our teachers and missionaries.

(Mrs.) Verna Burn

of glory in the life hereafter.

Right up on the Cariboo highway at Fort Nelson only two winters ago Reverend Father Leveque, an Oblate missionary, went into the wilds to rescue an Indian family. He drove his dog team about eighty miles to bring service and help to those people. He froze his feet rendering that service and, as a result of it, is maimed for life. Such unselfish service is going on continuously in the part of the country I represent. I might state that Father Leveque is in the Royal Canadian Air Force and, fortunately, is able to be a padre.

My mind turns to the Sisters of Religion at Williams Lake in the Cariboo, who conduct issues

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# YOUNG PLAYERS LAUDED BY CRITIC

An enthusiastic audience at the first night of the Saskatchewan provincial high school drama festival was ample support for the adjudicator's contention that Saskatchewan is becoming more drama-conscious. Mr. R. J. Morris, of Nutana Central Collegiate, Saskatoon, adjudicated the three plays presented Monday in Reid auditorium at Elkhorn College. He commented on the excellent choice of plays and the progress achieved both in acting and directing since the inauguration of the annual festival.

The first play of the evening was an exhibition performance by the Qu'Appelle Indian Residential School, entitled "Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers," directed by Father Piché, and executed with sensitivity and charm by the cast.

The adjudicator had nothing but praise for the delightful play. He emphasized the excellent teamwork of the cast and commented with favor on the lighting and costumes. The pace and climax of the play were extremely good.

Charles Bellegarde, as James Cooper, did an excellent job. His stiff, rather pompous manner was well done.

Grace Lavallee, as Martha Cooper, was another charming characterization. Her enunciation was especially good.

Elizabeth Lera, as Ella, the negro mammy was easy to hear and made a particularly fine fit.

Clifford Goodwill, as Mr. Hogan, was another fine bit of character acting.

But it was Margaret-Rose Desnomie, as small Pippa Cooper, who captivated adjudicator and audience alike. Mr. Morris remarked on the ease with which Pippa was projected to the audience as the lovable and highly imaginative child she was meant to be. Her touching little fit was one of the high points in the play.



**PRIZE-WINNING PLAY**, produced by Fr. Piché, O.M.I., (right) of Lebret, Sask., was "Lincoln's Whiskers". From left to right: Clive Linklater, Charles Bellegarde, Rose Desnomie, Grace Lavallee, Elizabeth Lera, Clifford Goodwill and Fr. Piché.

## GOOD SAMARITAN

**THE PAS**, Man. — In the near-by village of Thicket Portage there has lived for the past 30 years one of Canada's unsung heroines, an ever-ready and ever-willing bush nurse and midwife. Even today, at her advanced age, octogenarian Mrs. William Mecredie is ready to undertake the work of mercy which has merited her, throughout the Northland, the title, "Good Samaritan of the North."

From one end of this vast pioneering territory to the other and for more years than she can remember, Mrs. Mecredie has been administering to the needs of her neighbor. Her record includes the delivery of more than 200 babies, more often than not without the presence of a doctor.

Neither frigid weather nor next-to-impossible methods of travel would deter the "angel of mercy" from rushing to the assistance of the sick and the dying. Many of the dog-sled journeys she made were in the dead of night with the temperature far below zero. On many occasions her mercy flights were a race with howling wolves, hot on her trail.

### BORN IN THE NORTH

All of Mrs. Mecredie's life has been spent in the North. She was born at Edmonton, the daughter of an Athabascan river boat captain.

For a while her father's family lived at Fort McMurray and then moved to Grand Rapids, Man. There she met and married William Mecredie, with whom she later made her home at Thicket Portage.

### OWN EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Mecredie has become by her knowledge of the needs of other mothers by her own personal experience. Not only did she rear a family of six children of her own but in late years

she has been surrounded by grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her three daughters and two of her three sons are married and have families numbering ten, nine, seven, six and four children, respectively.

About seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Mecredie took five motherless grandchildren into their own home, and later a grand nephew.

One of the biggest events in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Mecredie was the recent celebration of their diamond jubilee of marriage. At the Mass of thanksgiving in their parish church the aged couple renewed the vows

## Regional Inspectors of Indian Schools

Following a competition conducted by the Civil Service Commission appointments have been made as follows:

**Regional Inspector of Indian Schools for Ontario**—H. G. Mingay, M.A. (Manitoba), B. Paed. (Toronto).

Mr. Mingay was formerly Registrar in the Manitoba Department of Education. He has had teaching experience in provincial and Indian schools in Manitoba and in Ontario High Schools. He is a veteran of both World Wars.

**Regional Inspector of Indian Schools for Manitoba**—G. H. Marcoux, B.A. (Manitoba).

Mr. Marcoux was previously in the service of the Manitoba Department of Education as Inspector of Schools for the Beausejour and Ste. Rose du Lac Divisions. Mr. Marcoux's duties included the inspection of Indian day and residential schools in the area of his other duties.

**Regional Inspector of Indian Schools for Alberta**—L. G. P. Waller, M.A. (Alberta), B.Ed. (Alberta).

Mr. Waller comes to the Indian Affairs Branch from the service of the Alberta Department of Education. He is a veteran of World War II.

Many Indian Schools have been regularly inspected by provincial inspectors, and this service will be continued. The appointment of additional officials of this Branch is intended as an added service to our schools and to field officials of the Department.

they made on their wedding day 60 years ago and also received the Papal Blessing.

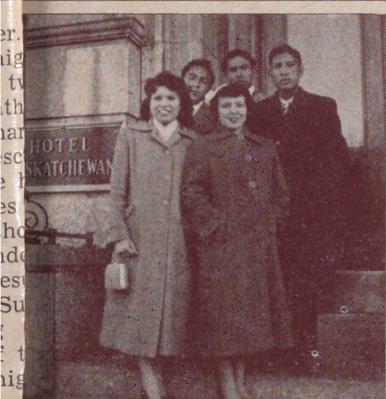
Later, more than 200 friends and neighbors crowded the community hall to pay respect to the grand old Christian couple.

## FIRST COMMUNICANTS AT LEBRET

**TWENTY-THREE FIRST COMMUNICANTS** — at the Lebret Boarding School, on April 23rd. — The school registered 288 pupils in the fall of 1950. As in all similar



Catholic institutions a thorough grounding in religion is given the pupils, as well as moral and vocational guidance in order to make them better Christians and better citizens.



**DRAMA PLAYERS** from Lebret were received at Regina's Saskatchewan Hotel as guests of the Sask. Drama Festival. Hon. W. S. Lloyd addressed them. They are: Clive Linklater, Charles Bellegarde, Clifford Goodwill, Grace Lavallee and Elizabeth Lera.

## Lebret Chronicle

### Easter Amateur

On Easter Sunday, an Amateur, sponsored by the M.A.M.I. for the benefit of the Indian Missionary Record, was held in the unfinished gym at the Lebret Indian School.

The Amateur was opened by the Senior Girls' Choir singing "The Bells of St. Mary's", greatly appreciated by the audience. The outstanding feature of the evening was Clifford Tawayaka, who surprised everyone in a new attractive feature, as Drum Major. The spectators continually applauded as Clifford twirled the baton, dancing to a lively selection played by Fr. Piche's Band. Clifford also took first prize. He was congratulated by Father Principal, and the teacher at the school, Mr. Hugh Bitz, who had been taking Clifford to Regina to obtain top-instructions from Bob Mossing, who majors for the Regina Lions Junior Band.

Second prize went to a choral group, the Medium Girls, who have in the past year developed into a splendid choir.

Clifford Goodwill, with his singing saxophone, took third prize. Other features were a square dance, solos, duets, comedies, all of which contributed to an enjoyable evening.

The net profit of the amateur programme was \$151.97. We are VERY glad in being able to hand a cheque of this amount to Rev. Father Laviolette, O.M.I., editor of the Indian Missionary Record.

### SPORTS

Friday, March 20th—a Boxing Card was held in Melville, in which Clifford Tawayaka, Remi Piapot and Freddie Gordon from the Lebret Indian School participated. Remi Piapot was victorious against his opponent, Itchy Gabel, of Melville.

### Royal Canadian Army Cadets

The Cadets are busily preparing for the annual inspection which will take place next month. Captain Charlie Belle-



**PLAYED WITH REGINA PATS** — These Lebret hockeyists played in the Sask. finals against the Pats. They are: front row: C. Bellegarde, A. Obey, C. Linklater, Dick Poitras and Coach Eddie Doll; back row: J. Bellegarde, H. Strongeagle, P. Yuzicapi, Azarie Bird, N. Lafond, N. Goodwill, Wm. Halcrow, E. Courchesne, C. Goodwill and Gil Bellegarde.

garde, Lieut. Richard Poitras and Lieut. Clifford Goodwill are heading the two platoon parades. These officers also assist in the instructions that are taught to the 70 cadets.

The Wireless examinations took place recently, of which 16 boys passed their first level. Each received a certificate of qualification, crossed flags for their uniform and a \$10.00 bonus. Six boys are attending a Wireless course this summer, two are completing their Mechanics course, and two others are nominated to attend the National Cadet Camp at Banff, Alberta. The Chief Instructor, Mr. Hugh Bitz, has recently completed the Transmitting Station DVS, and another sub-station will be set up next fall, giving the Wireless students fine equipment to advance in their studies; with the pupils advancing as they are, the Instructor is planning for a Cadet Club room, in which a Cadet Radio Station will be centred and the boys will prepare and send programmes.

The annual inspection will feature a march-past, physical training to music and calisthe-

nics, a musical stage show, gymnastics, band concert, and a display of Cadet subjects and their work during the year.

### St. Mary's Newsletter

#### CARDSTON, ALTA.

A beautiful new liturgical altar built by Brother Kacl, O.M.I., has recently been installed in the school chapel. Annie Plain Woman, Teresa Eagle Tail Feathers and Gilbert Crow Chief, pupils of the schools, boast the honor of having worked at the hand-painted trimmings that deck the sanctuary.

The old altar, built in 1902, almost 50 years ago by Fr. Leverne, O.M.I., and Brother Barre, O.M.I., has been installed in the church at Standoff.

#### Staff Changes

Mr. Therence left us in March, having been called away to his mother who was dangerously ill. Brother Eugene Morin, O.M.I., was also called away during the Easter holidays. He now occupies the office of sacristan at St. Albert while Rev. Brother Dusseault, O.M.I., has replaced him as supervisor of the senior boys. Sincere thanks are extended to Brother Morin and Mr. Therence for their devotedness while in our midst, and to Brother Dusseault, we wish a hearty welcome!"

#### Visitors

Early in March, Fr. Fournier, Provincial of the Oblates in Alberta, was our guest for a few days. His stay was highlighted by an interesting account of his recent trip to Rome.

Mother Annette Lachance, from the general council of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, spent a few days in mid-April visiting the Sisters of our School. She was accompanied by Rev. Sr. E. Mitchell, of St. Albert.

Rev. Fr. Ruaux, O.M.I., of Brockel, was also a visitor at the



**INTRAMURAL HOCKEY CHAMPS AT LEBRET** were the Beavers who won the Cubs Cup this spring, coached by Mr. Terrin. Left to right: Robert Cappo, Irvin Starr, John Taylor, Ivan Yuzicapi, Elmer Goodwill, Freddie Peigan, Vernon Bellegarde, Guy Yuzicapi, Ronald Rosebluff, Skippy Dubois and Irvin Toto.

School in early April. The purpose of his visit was to make arrangements for the retreat which Rev. Fr. Poulin preached to the Indians from April 14 to 16.

#### Sports

An evening of games and amusements was held in the gymnasium on April 3rd. for the benefit of The Indian Missionary Record. Sponsored by the Seniors it was attended by the pupils of the whole school and a sum of \$39.40 was realized.

The Junior Girls entertained us one evening with a wide variety of skipping games and stunts in which they displayed extraordinary skill and agility.

Basketball still holds an important place in the world day sports at St. Mary's School, but with the return of spring, outside games such as baseball are winning great popularity.

In the field of boxing, Erneid Black Rabbit and Levi Blaum Water bowed to their opponent in while Gilbert Crow Chief (111 lbs.) and Clovis Shot-on-Both Sides (125 lbs.) were winners in the provincial boxing finals. These two latter will compete for the Dominion Championship in the Dominion finals which will take place sometime in May.

### INDIAN SCHOOL RINK NEARING COMPLETION

**SPANISH, Ont.** — The \$35,000 rink-gymnasium, the most modern in the Algoma district, is nearing completion on the grounds of the Garnier Residential School for Indian boys here. The new rink will mean the culmination of one of the most outstanding efforts in this northern area of pioneering feats.

Money for construction of the rink was obtained from several sources. The sum of \$15,000 was borrowed from the bank and \$5,000 more came from a government grant. A total of \$5,000 was donated and the rest is being raised by various activities of the students, one of which is an agency for magazines and periodicals. A large portion of the labor was also contributed by the students.

Rev. Raymond Oliver, S.C., principal of the school, describes the arena as a community centre. It will serve 165 boys and 15 girls from the two Indian schools and some 135 students from Spanish separate and public schools.

When the rink has been completed, an asphalt floor will be laid so that the building can be used for basketball and other indoor sports. Father Oliver explains that basketball is one of the school's chief sports and that in the past the boys have had to travel to Sault Ste. Marie to play their games.

## NORTHERN SASK. CHAMPS

DUCK LAKE, Sask. — A long hockey season came to an end for St. Michael's Indian School of Duck Lake, at Queen City Gardens, in Regina, on April 6th. That night the well organized, efficient Regina Midget Pats defeated St. Michael's 8-1 to win their second straight Saskatchewan championship. The victory enabled the Pats to win the total goal series 11-6, but allowed them only an even split in games. Regina lost the first game of the round to Duck Lake on Prince Albert ice, 5-3.

The loss, though disappointing, does not make the season's day a failure. St. Michael's was buried to come a long way to outreach the Provincial Finals. The team won the first game of the first round with Kinistino, 26-1. Kinistino defaulted the second game.

In the second round, St. Michael's defeated Prince Albert twice, by scores of 6-3 and 5-4. Laskatoon was eliminated in the Third 7-3 and 5-4, and Nipawin, for the Northern semi-finals, by scores of 10-6 and 7-4. The school, in the Northern Saskatchewan Finals at Flin Flon, continued its victories by taking both games from that city by scores of 4-3 and 10-8.

St. Michael's advanced into the finals against Regina with two straight play-off victories. They made it eleven in a row when they played and out-passed the Regina team on Prince Albert ice to win handily, 5 to 3. At the situation clearly reversed itself on the large Queen City rink. A confused, disorganized team. Michael's hockey club never really got started in that game, and when it was all over, they had lost 8-1. The regaining of the Loveridge Memorial Trophy came, once again, a goal for the future.

However credit must be given where credit is due. The school has done marvellous things in hockey. During its four years of participation in S.A.H.A. Play-offs, the midget team has finished in the Saskatchewan finals three times. And in the '48-'49 finals, it defeated the Regina team to win the championship. Success is all the more remarkable when it is considered that midget player selection must

come from about eighteen boys of that age group.

In eleven played games (one game was defaulted by Kinistino) St. Michael's scored 76 goals and had 47 scored against them. Individual scoring honors went to John Sanderson who scored 26 goals and had 21 assists for a total of 47. Arthur Ledoux came second with 26 points (9 goals and 15 assists).

During the course of the season, the midgets played 32 games. Out of this total they had the very excellent record of 24 wins, 3 ties and 5 losses. Center ice man, Arthur Ledoux, playing in all 32 games, gathered the highest number of points with a grand total of 83. He scored 35 goals and had 48 assists. John Sanderson, who played in only 24 games, was second with 80 points, scoring 47 times and assisting on 33 points. Noel Daniels ran third with 67 points, having 37 goals and 30 assists to his credit. And diminutive Allan Longjohn came fourth with 38 goals and 25 assists for a total of 63.

## PENTICTON, B.C. DAY SCHOOL

Over 18 months ago the Sen-ye-man (weavers) club was organized under the auspices of the Penticton Women's Institute. The Club assisted Mrs. H. Darby Hayes, teacher, with costumes and decorations for the Christmas concert. In addition to monthly social meetings plans for the year include classes in home nursing and First Aid, dressmaking and weaving. A lending library has been established with sections for adults and children. A notable event was the "Light-Up-Party" held to celebrate the installation of electric lighting. On this occasion short talks were given by Rev. Father T. Fahlman, Mr. D. McMyrn, and Mr. M. P. Finnerty, M.L.A. Among others who spoke were Chief Eneas, Baptiste George and Mrs. White.

The Club entered a float in the peach festival parade and won first prize in this section. An exhibit was sent to the Armstrong Fair, receiving several prizes and a letter of commendation from the directors of the fair.

### Duck Lake, Sask.

**MIKE'S TEAM**  
Left to right:  
Front row: Wilfrid  
Loux, Norman  
Lond, Arthur Le-  
thox, Johnny San-  
derson, Alex Mc-  
Gald, George  
Niels, Raphael  
Noble, Noel Da-  
ble.  
Back row: Robert Greeyes, Manager, Jose Sutherland, Angus Espe-  
nce, Mr. Alphonse Weigers, coach, George Prosper, Daniel Sutherland,  
Stanley Lafond, Rev. G. Chevrier, O.M.I., Principal.



## PRINCESS VISITS POPE



H. R. H. PRINCESS ELIZABETH, England's future queen, is escorted through the Vatican, to visit His Holiness Pope Pius XII. She and her husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburg, conversed with the Pontiff for half an hour.

## OUT OF THE FOAM

Many centuries ago, as the legend has it, a giant cannibal called Gurthihi terrorized the Tlingit villages in the region of modern Skagway, Alaska. The braves of the tribe organized a great hunt to track him down, and found his fearsome den deep in the mountains. They successfully trapped him in a pitfall, and prepared to burn him to death. The monster scornfully vowed that he would go on devouring men forever. The braves stoked his pyre for four days, but then as they poked through the ashes a myriad of sparks flew upward, turning into mosquitoes, which have been feasting on mankind ever since.

Visitors to an exhibition of Indian art at Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts heard how hundreds of legends had inspired the famous totem poles of the Pacific Northwest. The speaker was Dr. Marius Barbeau, Canada's leading anthropologist. His main points: totem poles ("Works of art on a par with the most original the world has ever known") date from the advent of the white man's metal tools; contrary to widespread opinion, they were never worshiped. Rather, says Barbeau, they were monuments to a family's wealth, or caricatures of an enemy (or a faithless wife), or simple narrations of mythological events, or even the souvenirs of especially stupendous feasts (pot-latches).

Totem poles, says Barbeau,

provide compelling evidence that the North American Indians migrated by sea — "out of the foam," says Indian legend—from Asia. Much of the mythology portrayed by their fierce and grotesque figures is too strikingly similar to the classic lore of Asia and ancient Europe to be explained away as coincidence.

The Indians, for example, have more than 150 versions of the tale of a man (Orpheus to the Greeks, Gunarhnesemgyet to the Indians) who descended into Hades to rescue his loved one. In the myth of the Thunderbird, a creature of giant wings who carried men on his back, Barbeau finds a parallel to the giant roc of Sindbad the Sailor. There are Indian versions of Jonah and the whale, of the Flood and the Promised Land, of Samson—all represented in totemic symbols.

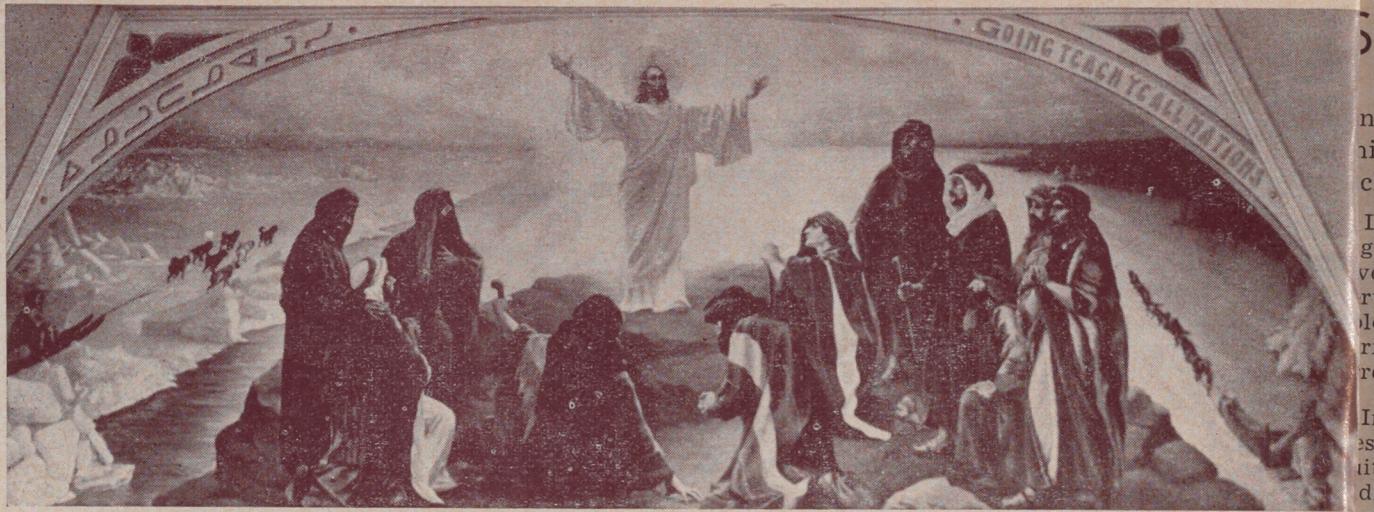
During 37 years as chief anthropologist of the National Museum at Ottawa, mery-eyed Marius Barbeau published more than 500 books and articles.

(Time)

Rev. Fr. Paul Bousquet, O.M.I., 52 years missionary to the Indians in Manitoba, N.W. Ontario and Saskatchewan, passed away May 5 at St. Boniface, aged 82. Father Bousquet has been successively principal at the Camperville, Kenora, Fort-Alexander and Fort-Frances schools. **R.I.P.**



The Apostles are sent forth by Our Lord. Right and left: Missionaries go out to the Indians and Eskimos.



Painting by G. M. Rousseliere, O.M.I., in Churchill's Cathedral



In the February issue of the MAMI bulletin of Indian School and Students the St-Boniface Missionary Center of Mary Immaculate launched a team contest on Missions. Each competitor, with the help of his team members, had to give the right answers to these two timely questions: "Why and how should we help the Missions?"

Students from Duck Lake, Lestock, Lebret, St. Philip and Fort Frances Indian Residential School took part in the contest as well as many others from the parishes of Kenora and Fort Frances. The Junior Group of the M.A.M.I. Section of St. Boniface Juniorate were also numbered.

The 254 competitors were divided into two groups: those of the High School group and those in grades 8 down. Miss Grace Lavallée, from Lebret Indian School, won the High School contest. Members of the winning team are: Grace Lavallée (Leader), Elizabeth Kanapace, Norma Peigan, Joan Starr, Barbara Lasuisse and Caroline Pratt. Clara Quevezance (grade VII) from St. Philip Indian School and Guy Lafrance (grade VIII) from St. Mary's parish, Fort Frances, both deserved first place in the second group. Congratulations to the winners! As reward each co-operating member of the winning team received one of the most beautiful colored picture of Our Lady of Fatima and a Rosary blessed by our Holy Father the Pope.

#### ST. PHILIP INDIAN SCHOOL

Here is Clara Quevezance's essay, winner in the second group of our M.A.M.I. contest on Missions.

### MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF MARY IMMACULATE

#### "Why We Must Help the Missions?"

"Because we were made to live in society, we were made to help each other. Besides, we are members of the Church or the Mystical Body of Christ. I mean, that as the members of the family, we need help from one another; so we, being the members of Christ, must help others. Besides, all men have a soul; that is, were created to know, love and serve God; and we are obliged to lead them to heaven. Because we are commanded so by the great commandment of Christ: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Pope Pius XII's watchword is this: All Catholics should be missionaries.

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, who is our leader, asked at Fatima to pray and do penance for all sinners. She wants everybody to help, even little children.

#### "How Can We Help the Missions?"

"I can help the Missions by joining the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate. By offering all our prayers, sacrifices, the Sacrifice of the Mass. By supporting the missionaries; by finding successors for the Fathers and Sisters. By fulfilling our duties as members. By having a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary saying the Rosary every day."

### LESTOCK INDIAN SCHOOL

Ninety seven children signed their application to become members of the M.A.M.I. The students of this school are divided into four groups: Senior and Junior Boys, Senior and Junior Girls. All these groups have been very faithful in submitting the reports of their meetings and thus we are able to observe that these students are doing very constructive work on the subject of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and on ways of fulfilling better their daily tasks, such as studies and manual work.

### HOBBEWA INDIAN SCHOOL

Sunday, April 8th, marked the first M.A.M.I. ceremony in the Indian Schools of Alberta. A solemn High Mass was sung by Fr. Mercure, Provincial Director of the Alberta Association; Rev. Frs. G. M. Latour and Louis G. Latour acted as deacon and sub-deacon.

A short and instructive sermon delivered by our Director, Rev. Fr. G. M. Latour, made us clearly see and feel the great need of this Association. "Have all laymen been apostles as God wants them to be?" is a question we could meditate upon. When we help the missionaries it is God we help . . . Dear children, remember your first duty is that of praying for the Missions. If we remain faithful to our promises our eternal destiny is assured."

After Mass 36 boys and 33 girls of the Ermineskin Residential and Day Schools were received as first degree members of the M.A.M.I.

Rev. Fr. Mercure, O.M.I., presided at the afternoon ceremony for the second degree candidates. The carrying of the lily seems to have left a deeper impression on our minds and hearts, as two young girls, dressed in spotless white garments carried it as the choir sang: "Kenatisiyane Marie".

We are all very happy to belong to the M.A.M.I. as our lives will be enriched by many more blessings and graces.

(Lena Smallbay, Secr.)

### Assumption Invocation In Litany

VATICAN CITY. — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has directed that the invocation "Queen assumed into heaven" is to be inserted in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, immediately after "Queen conceived without original sin."

The addition to the Litany follows the definition of Mary's Assumption as a dogma of faith, one of the most important events in the history of the Church during this century.

### 'SILLY BEADS' AND SCIENCE

IT happened on a French train between Dijon and Paris. The dapper university student found himself sharing a compartment with an old man who looked like a French peasant. His clothes were soiled and homespun, his shoes misshapen and unpolished, his closely cropped hair, and the weather-beaten face roughened by exposure to sun and wind set him sharply apart from the well-groomed college man. In the old man's large hands was a rosary. In his eyes a far-away look of devout absorption.

The college youth seemed amused, but there was thin veiled contempt in his voice when he spoke: "I see that you still believe in that medieval clap-trap about praying your beads, and I suppose you believe in the Virgin Mary and all that religious hogwash that priests tell you?"

The peasant turned his deep-set eyes on the youth with a pained look: "Yes, my boy, I do. Don't you?"

The compartment echoed with the student's horse-laugh. "Me believe in prayer and in superstitious bosh? I should say not. I learned the truth at college . . . and if you want to be smart, you'll throw those silly beads out of the window and learn something about the real science."

"The new science?" said the old man, "I'm afraid I don't understand. Perhaps you could help me." There were tears in the old one's eyes.

The college lad relented. Perhaps he had been too hasty. "Well, if you can read, I'd be happy to mail you some literature . . . you do read?"

"Yes, after a fashion." said the old man. "Good . . . where shall I send it?"

The elder fumbled in his coat pocket for a card and gave it to the college boy. It bore a simple inscription which today would admit the bearer to the most exclusive meeting of world scientists: LOUIS PASTEUR, Paris Institute For Scientific Research.

# St. Mary's School Goes Calling

Father Lacelle, O.M.I., along with three St. Joseph Sisters and twenty-five Indian girls from Kenora, travelled over fifty miles to celebrate and sing Holy Mass at Whitefish Bay Day School, Sioux Narrows, Ont.

Leaving at eight in the morning in the mission van, they arrived around eleven, in the uncertain weather of that memorable second Sunday after Easter, carrying endless pails of lunch across the slushy lakes.

In the isolation of the Indian Reservation their arrival caused quite a stir. In a short time Indians could be seen heading from all directions towards the school. Those who had attended Mass enjoyed lunch with their hosts who had most graciously not only brought ample food for themselves, but for their hosts as well. Later arrivals considered themselves lucky indeed to get in on the splendid entertainment put on by the versatile girls of St. Mary's who are very exceptional in that they are quite capable of putting on an impromptu concert anywhere and any time.

All too soon it was time to set wet on the difficult trek home. Bill Paypompay gallantly gave the Sisters a lift with his horse and sleigh across the lakes to the Van. Thank you, Bill, for the courtesy! Gratitude is felt, too, towards Moses Vald, gentleman that he is, because he was around so early to make the school was comfortable and warm. It's so good to have friends that can be relied upon.

Apart from the manifold blessings, one zealous Oblate missionary Father always brings the whole Reservation, whenever he comes, fresh seeds of good will were scattered Sunday, far and wide. Parents were happy to have their girls run in to see them in their homes, and old pupils came to the school to renew acquaintances with genial Sister Supervisor who was delighted to talk old times at St. Mary's.

Mary Ellen Doyle, the unpredictable, and her gallant new husband, Gertrude Joyal, are still a little stunned and dazed by the great honour thus conferred upon them as teachers, and upon the whole Band. Harry is indeed in the making at Whitefish Bay.

A sincere thank you once again, Father Lacelle and Sisters. Do please come again soon. And may the sun shine brightly that day, and God's simices blossom in many souls with the miracle of Spring in this most beautiful land of the Ojibwa, in the heart of the Lake of the Woods.

## New Indian Act . . .

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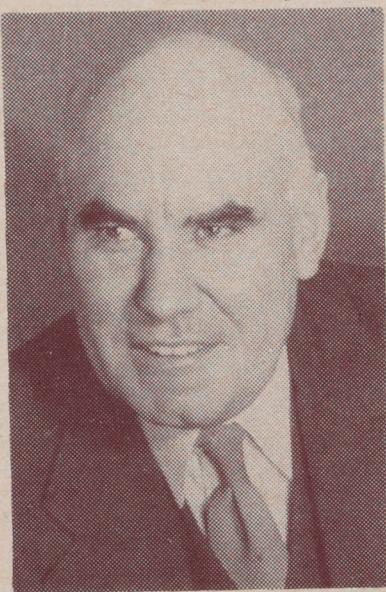
Thus the statement attributed to Bishop Belleau, O.M.I., (I.M.R. April '51), calling the new Bill "Sound Legislation" may well be confirmed in respect to Bill 79. It is noted that Bishop Belleau was referring to the Indian Act (98 R.S.C. 1927) and not to Bill 79, as reported by the "Ensign", March 31, 1951.

## Committee Members

The following members comprise the special committee on the Indian Act, as provided in the resolution passed by the house on Monday, April 2.

Messrs. Applewhaitie, Ashbourne, Black (Chateauguay-Huntingdon-Laprairie), Blackmore, Blue, Boucher, Brown (Essex West), Bryce, Cauchon, Charlton, Diefenbaker, Fulton, Gibson, Harkness, Hatfield, Jutras, Little, MacLean (Cape Breton North and Victoria), Murray (Cariboo), Noseworthy, Richard (Gloucester), Smith (Queens-Shelburne), Simmons, Valois, Welbourn, Whiteside, Wood.

## Manitoba School Inspector



Mr. G. H. Marcoux, recently appointed Indian Schools Inspector for Manitoba.

## VEGETABLE STORAGE

The household storage of fruits and vegetables is relatively easy if a few simple rules are followed. All fruits and vegetables selected for storage should be mature, free from damage, dry and clean. Ventilation is needed to carry away odors and to help maintain proper humidity. Temperature should be low but not freezing.



**LORETTA YOUNG**, star of Hollywood's Family Theater, receives from Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., Family Rosary Crusade Director, a copy of his new book, "The Ear of God". It was written to encourage family prayer, and it tells of the origin and development of the Family Rosary weekly broadcasts.

## ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN BLAMED ON ACT

OTTAWA, April 20 — Some sections of the new Indian Act encouraged Indian women to raise families without benefit of marriage, Douglas Harkness (PC —Calgary East) protested before a House of Commons committee.

He said the act provided that if an Indian woman married a man whose Indian status was not confirmed, then she could be put off the reserve. "An Indian woman is safer not to get married," Mr. Harkness maintained. "There should not be any provision in the act which would tend to encourage an Indian woman just to live with a man rather than to marry him."

Hon. Walter Harris, minister of citizenship and immigration, said his department officials would consider the objectionable sections further.

A somewhat similar problem existed in Manitoba, where blood tests were required before marriage, Rene Jutras, (Lib. — Provencher) informed the committee. "Some Indians refuse the blood test," he said. "They live together, and I am afraid there will be a great many illegitimate children on the reserves."

## TRIBUTE PAID TO MISSIONARIES

(Continued from page 2) hospital up there. These are Indian women of culture and education, and they take their places along with those doing similar work of any denomination or any racial group.

I think of Father A. G. Morice, who was up in Fraser Lake, at Stuart Lake and at Fort St. James, of Father Lacombe, Father Seguin, and others like Father Mulvihill who is a missionary at Lejac today. I think of Reverend Father Patterson, O.M.I., of Lillooet, a native son of Perth Country, Ontario, who is today assisting in organizing the co-operatives I mentioned, and in setting up credit unions and assisting Indians in co-operative sawmill and stores enterprises. In other words, he is assisting them in a material way as well as spiritually to attain their proper place in the life of the country.

Old family names are retained by the tribesmen. These are very picturesque. Pitawanakat — In between the clouds; Gijig — Daylight; Akiwenzie — Old Man; Migwanabe — Small Feather; Mishabe — Giant.

# DELEGATES AT HISTORY MAKING INDIAN CONVENTION



Courtesy of Andrew Paull, Pres. N.A.I.B., Editor of "The Thunderbird". (Box 2461 North Vancouver, B.C.)

Provisions of the Indian Bill to amend, consolidate, and clarify the Indian Act were discussed in Ottawa on February 28 and March 1, 2, and 3, 1951, at a conference convened by the Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Representative Indians from coast to coast and officials of the Indian Affairs Branch took part in the discussions.

The above picture was taken in the Parliament Buildings prior to a luncheon attended by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, the Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, representatives of the Senate and the House of Commons, and the conference delegates.

First row (left to right): Stephen Knockwood, Micmac, N.S., Chief, Restigouche Band; Gus Mainville, Fort Frances, Ont., President, Grand Council Treaty No. 3; A. C. Moses, Ohsweken, Ont., Secretary, Six Nations Band Council; Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister; Joseph Beauvais, Caughnawaga, Que., Councillor, Caughnawaga Band Council; Thomas Gideon, Restigouche, Que., Chief, Restigouche Band; Gilbert Faries, Moose Factory, Ont., Chief, Moose Factory Band.

Second row (left to right): Thomas Favel, Poundmaker, Sask., Chief, Poundmaker Band and Representative of Queen Victoria Treaty Protective Association; Joseph Dreaver, Duck

Lake, Sask., Chief, Mistawasis Band; John B. Tootoosis, Cutknife, Sask., President, Union of Saskatchewan Indians; Rev. P. R. Kelly, D.D., Cumberland, B.C., Chairman, Legislative Committee, Native Brotherhood of British Columbia; Daniel Manuel, Merritt, B.C., Chief, Upper Nicola Band; James Gladstone, Cardston, Alta., President, Indian Association of Alberta; Andrew Paull, North Vancouver, B.C., President, North American Indian Brotherhood; William Scow, Albert Bay, B.C., President, Native Brotherhood of British Columbia; W. M. Cory, Legal Advisor, Department of Citizenship and Immigration; John Thompson, Pine Falls, Man., President, Indian Association of Manitoba; George Barker, Hole River, Man., Chief, Hollow Water Band; Lawrence Pelletier, Manitowaning, Ont., Manitoulin Island Unceded Band.

Third row (left to right): Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; D. M. MacKay, Director, Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Citizenship and Immigration; Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare; Laval Fortier, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration; Albert Manyfingers, Blood Reserve, Alta.; L. L. Brown, Indian Affairs Branch; T. R. L. MacInnes, Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch.

## MANITOBA 1951 TREATY DATES

### Fisher River Agency

May 22, Lake Manitoba; May 23, Fairford; May 24, Little Saskatchewan; May 25, Lake St. Martin; May 26, Peguis; May 30-31, Fis River; June 5, Jackhead.

### Clandeboye Agency

May 25, 26, Peguis Bay; May 28, Brokenhead; June 5, 6, 7, Fort Alexander; June 11, 12, 13, 14, Little Gr Rapids; June 18, Little B. River; June 19, 20, Hollow Water; June 21, 27, Bloody River; June 23, 24, 25, 26, Bear River; June 27, 28, Poplar River.

### Dauphin Agency

July 3, Valley River; July 3, 4, 5, 6, Shoal River; July 7, Pine Creek; July 8, Waterhen; July 10, Crows River; July 11, Ebb and Flamingo River; July 12, 13, 14, Sandy Bay.